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March 19, 2012

Honorable Vincent J. Candelora  
State Representative  
Legislative Office Building Room 4200  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

RE: HB 5543

Dear Representative Candelora:

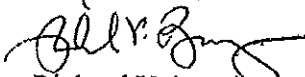
I am writing to you on behalf of the Town of North Branford relative to the above-referenced legislation now pending action in the General Assembly.

The proposed legislation, which seeks to clarify the eminent power of a municipality, would allow municipally-owned electric utility to expand into a neighboring municipality for the provision of electrical services. The adjoining city or town could benefit greatly from the provision of those services.

In certain cases, electrical services are provided by more than one service provider. In the Town of North Branford, there are no less than three separate utilities (Wallingford Electric, The United Illuminating Company, and Connecticut Light and Power) which results in wide variances in electrical rates, service levels, and other factors. These issues are a constant source of confusion and complaint for many property owners and are exacerbated during periods of public emergency (such as Tropical Storm Irene and Storm Alfred).

I would respectfully request your support of proposed House Bill 5543 and I am available to you to at your convenience to discuss this issue in greater detail.

Respectfully yours,

  
Richard V. Branigan  
Town Manager

cc. Town Council



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